Personals

Mrs. H. P. Davis is spending some time in Miami, Florida.

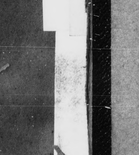
L. E. Morris, of Norfolk, is expected home this week-end to spend some time here with his wife.

H. C. Wilmer returned home on Sunday, after receiving treatment at Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Pugh, Jr. have moved into the Carlton Price home in Hillcrest. Mr. Pugh is with the Soil Conservation Service.

Miss Majorie Bingham, of Richmond was home for the week-end.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mitchell included Eugene E. Thompson, Rev. J. B. Flowers, Vernell Mitchell, and son, Teddy, all of Newport News.



YOURS and OURS

● Why not help your physician to better serve you and your family when real emergencies arise? Take extra care to keep well. But when first signs of sickness appear, call your physician at once. Phone only during his office hours and call him to your home only when it is impossible to visit his office.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet Wednesday evening, January 17, at eight o'clock, with Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

Mrs. W. R. Reynolds and Mrs. Ryland Mann spent Monday in Richmond.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey was called to Maryland Saturday due to the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. C. A. Livesay. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in Covington.

Mrs. Lloyd Bradley, of Richmond will arrive Friday to spend sometime in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Mrs. Vincent Lusardi is visiting Lt. Lusardi's parents in Crawford, Nebraska.

The Susie Whittinghill Y. W. A. was entertained in the home of Mrs. H. Frederick Jones on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: Miss Laura McFadden, president; Miss Hilda Carter, vice-president; Mrs. Hunter Dickerson, secretary and treasurer; Misses Margaret Torian and Nell Wingfield, co-chairmen of mission study; Miss Kathleen Agee and Mrs. Adfield McCain, young people's directors of Liberty Church.

Mrs. Ray Houchins and son, Jerry Wayne, of Petersburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Conner. Mrs. V. B. Webb also spent the week-end in this home.

Sunday guest of Mrs.T.H. Trent were Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson and Mrs. Otway Martin, of Lynchburg.

Miss Eloise Trent visited several days last week in the home of her sister in Lynchburg.

Ralph Hanson, A-S, U. S. N., formerly of Appomattox, has returned to Bainbridge, Md., after spending a 9-day leave with his parents and friends.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Tom Gilbert's arm improves very slowly.

Card of Thank.

The members of the family of the late Mrs. Millie Stephens wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our white and colored friends and neighbors and all those who were so kind in their expression of sympathy, for the beautiful floral tributes and use of cars during their recent bereavement.
—The Family.

Charter No. 11205 Reserve District No. 5

Report of Condition of The Farmer's National Bank of Appomattox

In the State of Virginia, at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1944, published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including $33.94 overdrafts)	190,084.21
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	553,900.00
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	1,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including $2,300.00 stock of	2,350.00
7. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	217,641.88
9. Bank premises owned $5,000.00, furniture and fixtures $3,661.00	8,661.00
11. Other Assets	2,799.15
Total Assets	**976,436.24**

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	380,104.45
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	375,142.39
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings	107,479.45
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	17,996.35
18. Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks, etc.)	11,954.69
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	**892,677.33**
24. TOTAL Liabilities	892,677.33

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital stock: Common stock, to al par $50,000.00	50,000.00
26. Surplus	28,500.00
27. Undivided profits	1,758.91
28. Reserves	3,500.00
29. TOTAL Capital Accounts	83,758.91
30. TOTAL Liabilities and Capital Accounts	976,436.24

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): (a) United States Government obligations direct and fully guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	115,000.00
(c) Total	115,000.00
32. Secured Liabilities: (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	121,848.75
(d) Total	121,848.75

State of Virginia; County of Appomattox, ss:

I, A. R. Harwood, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. R. Harwood, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of January, 1945
Alice S. Harwood
Notary Public.

Correct— Attest:
C. S. Jenkins
L. J. Morris
George Abbitt, Jr. Directors.

Mrs. R. E. Redding and son, Billy, of the U. S. Navy, visited relatives in North Carolina last week.

Cpl. and Mrs. B. J. Algermissen spent last week with friends in Aberdeen, Md.

Classified Ads

LOST— in town of Appomattox last Saturday, a brown billfold, coca-cola ad inside, contained gas stamps, no money. If found please leave at Appomattox Hardware with Mr. O. W. Martin.
Kenneth R. Coleman.

For necessary repairs get our prices on "building materials." Just received "Carlead" of Sheetrock, all sizes. Use famous "STAG-TONE" washable paint for beautifying the interior of your home.
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SCIENTIS DEBUNKS "LIES OF HISTORY'S VILLAINS
Many of history's better-known villains actually were victims of jealous rumor-mongers, says noted authority on the private lives of the ancients. Don't miss this fascinating story of "Step-children of History" in the January 21st issue of
The American Weekly
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Report of Condition of "The Bank of Appomattox"

of Appomattox, in the state of Virginia, at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1944. Made to the State Corporation Commission.

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including $4.86 overdrafts)	344,772.68
3. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	606,428.70
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	11,433.41
6. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	22,116.27
7. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	249,511.25
9. Bank premises owned $3,100.00 furniture and fixtures $2,390.26	5,490.26
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	3,793.44
11. Other assets	1,345.15
12. TOTAL ASSETS	**1,238,891.19**

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	388,560.69
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	555,150.50
15. Deposits of United States Government, (including postal savings)	95,613.43
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	100,378.51
18. Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks, etc.)	3,472.84
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$1,145,175.97**
23. Other liabilities	7,905.72
24. TOTAL Liabilities (not including subordinated obligations shown below	1,153,281.69

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital	40,000.00
26. Surplus	40,000.00
27. Undivided profits	5,609.50
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	85,609.50
30. TOTAL Liabilities and Capital Accounts	1,238,891.19

*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of $40,000.00.

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): (a) U.S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	265,000.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement	11,000.00
(e) TOTAL	216,000.00
32. Secured and preferred liabilities: (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	193,058.14
(e) TOTAL	193,058.14
(a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was	73,647.04
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to	243,511.25

We, R. L. Burke, president, and J. C. Davidson, cashier, of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. L. Burke, President
J. C. Davidson, Cashier

Correct. —Attest
R. L. Burke
C. W. Smith
J. A. Burke
C. K. Hunter
Directors

State of Va., County of Appomattox, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of January, 1945, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires 1-20-47.
E. M. Burke, Notary Public.

Notice: Let us furnish your rubber stamps.
The Times-Virginian.

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Other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms: Cash.

MRS. J. A. GARRETT.
(1-11-2t)

Commonwealth of Virginia:
In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Appomattox on the 9th day of January, 1945.

Florence Matthew Patterson, Plaintiff
against
Thomas Patterson, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce on grounds of desertion. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant Thomas Patterson is not resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear within ten days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interests in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Times-Virginian, a newspaper published in the County of Appomattox, that a copy hereof be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this County on or before the 5th day of February, 1945, that being the next succeeding Rule day after this order was entered, and that the Clerk mail a copy hereof to each of the said defendants to the post office address given in the affidavit herein, and file a certificate of the fact in the papers of this case.

A Copy—Teste:
C. W. Smith, Clerk.
W. M. Abbitt, p. q.
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Church News

Liberty Baptist Church
Rev. H. Frederick Jones, Pastor

Sunday, at 11 A. M. Subject: "Winning Souls."
Evening: "Consecration."

Memorial Methodist Church
Rev. William R. Reed, Pastor

On Sunday next at eleven A. M. the pastor will preach on the subject, "Things That Cannot Be Shaken," and at eight P. M. on, "The Chief Obstacle to Our Peace."

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. and Youth Fellowship at 7:00 P. M.

Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church
Rev. J. Howard Macrae, Pastor
10:00 - Sunday School.
11:00 - Morning Worship. The sacrement of the Lord's Supper will be administered and the subject of the communion meditation will be "Three Views from the Lord's Table."

8:00 P. M. The pastor will preach the first in a series of studies on "The Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians."

Spout Spring Baptist Church
Zane Grey Ross, Pastor

The friendly church by the side of the road.

10 A. M. Sunday School.
11 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon: "The Graces of a Good Man."
6:30 P. M.- B. T. U.
Most men lie when sleeping, but some lie all the time.

Fisher Memorial Baptist Church
Zane Grey Ross, Pastor
Dedicated in service to God and Man

10 A. M. Sunday School.
7:30 P. M. Young peoples' meeting.

8 P. M. Evening Worship. Sermon: "The Psalm of Life."

Morbus Sabbaticus (Sunday sickness) is in the air. The only known cure for it is Church attendance.

Army plane sets new speed record across nation.

Navy seeks to bar Japan reinforcements on leaves.

President submits budget.

Ceiling prices on livestock set.

Peacock Christmas Dish

It's been a long time since the peacock was considered the best dish for Christmas. This bird used to be served to gatherings of knights and lords in "merrie olde England." It was first skinned, with all its feathers intact, roasted, then placed back in its skin.

Gift Giving

Gift-giving was well established among Northern European tribes before they became converted to Christianity. It was so much of an obligation among pagan Germans to distribute gifts that when sacrifices left the country during the holiseason no escape gift-giving.

Read the bank financial statements in this issue.

Flying bombs continue to hit in London area.

Plenty of free parking space in Appomattox.

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Nazi Weather Station In Greenland Captured

WASHINGTON, D. C. — American forces have captured what is believed to be the last of Germany's hidden weather stations in Greenland, an army air force official disclosed recently. Three officers, nine men and a considerable quantity of radio, scientific and ordnance equipment were seized.

Several similar installations had been captured previously. The Germans used such stations not only to provide data for their own operations but to give them clues as to what the Allies might be doing or planning to do.

Mars Ent's 1,000 Hours' Flying Time to Hawaii

PACIFIC FLEET HDQ., PEARL HARBOR — The U. S. S. Mars, largest flying boat in the world, landed here recently to complete 1,000 flying hours of time between Pearl Harbor and San Francisco, Calif. In that time she has flown more than 200,000 miles and has carried a million pounds of cargo. She carried the customary 25 passengers, 4,000 pounds of mail, and 25,000 pounds of cargo in her latest flight.

Fortress No. 10,000 Is Delivered to U. S. Army

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — "Yes Grand," the 10,000th Flying Fortress has left the production line. In pink succession, the aircraft war production council announced, the army took delivery of No. 9,999 from Douglas Aircraft company in nearby Long Beach; No. 10,000 from Boeing in Seattle, and No. 10,001 from Lockheed in Burbank, Calif.

Fred Astaire Picks Up Teeth Forgotton by Nazis

NEW YORK. — Dancer Fred Astaire sported several sets of false teeth recently. The last were his but he wasn't wearing them. They're his favorite trophy from a USO tour of front lines in France, Belgium, and Holland.

"The Germans were running away so fast they left everything," Astaire said in an interview. "They were in such a terrific hurry, they even forgot their teeth."

Army Returns 30,000 a Month

No Increase in Rate Can Be Made at Present, War Department Says.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The war department, reporting that it now is returning to this country approximately 30,000 men monthly, says it will increase the number substantially and continue to press the war "vigorously to an early conclusion."

The report, to the house military committee, was prepared as a result of increasing requests for furloughs for men serving abroad.

To permit the return of even 30,000 men monthly, the department said, "we must immediate four to seven times this number, or the equivalent of eight to fourteen divisions. For every man that we add to this number being returned, we have the effective use of from four to seven additional soldiers."

Selection of individuals to be returned under quotas assigned to overseas commanders, the report explained, is "the sole responsibility of the authorities in the theater." Determination is based on local conditions, with consideration given to the length of service of each individual, his value to his unit and "the morale of the individuals in the unit, including the extent of rebuilding of mind and body required."

Get No Assurance.

"In no instance," the department said, "can a soldier be assured that he will be returned as soon as he has served for a stated time." Generally speaking, men are returned for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery under three different situations, the report explained.

"Reduction in the size of our forces in areas where further threats from the enemy are not anticipated has permitted the return of some men. Others are being sent back to this country on temporary duty for a set period, after which they are returned overseas. Still others are returned on rotation and are reassigned to other duties upon their arrival in the United States."

Soldiers incapable of further useful service abroad, the department said, are returned "only if trained replacements are available . . . or if the total strength of the command can be reduced either temporarily or permanently."

Transportation Problem.

The availability of shipping space, the report pointed out, "imposes a very definite ceiling" on transfers.

While a man sent home from abroad for subsequent return to his unit may obtain only 30 days' furlough, the report said, he actually is absent from his unit for approximately four months, the balance of the time being used for travel and for retraining. On the other hand, a man returned for subsequent assignment to a new overseas post may be absent from an active theater for six or seven months because of the longer period of training required.

Wm Bond Dollars Are DOUBLE DUTY DOLLARS

Montgomery says Nazi drive is now ended.

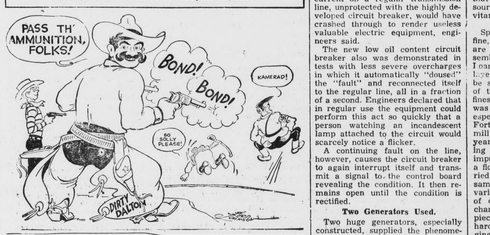
Germans counterattack against Reds in Hungary.

TIN HATS By Stanton

"So what if I HAVE captured a General? I'll treat him just as fair as if he was a Buck Private!"

War Bonds Will Finish Them

By Fred Johnson
Chicago Tribune—New York News Syndicate, Inc.



What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT

An important feature of entertaining is to have fun at your own parties. And the way to do this is to plan your party to the last detail—do things simply—work out your entertainment beforehand.

Brunch on Sunday's at noon is a good way to get the gang together.

A buffet idea is good and a meal of "chicken in the rough," that is, crisp fried chicken, served in dampask or paper napkins, is fun and easy to manage.

Ledger Syndicate—WNU Features.

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

It is a common thing for people to speak of iron and steel as though they were the same thing; but they are not. Iron is a single chemical substance; while steel is a compound of two or more chemical materials. Steel is a combination of iron and carbon. The percentage of carbon present determines the kind of steel. Two-tenths of a per cent of carbon produces soft steel similar to wrought iron. Hard steel contains from six-tenths of a per cent to 1.5 per cent of carbon. Cast iron is really steel, with a percentage of carbon above 1.5 per cent.

Ledger Syndicate—WNU Features.

Captive Japanese Scoffs At American Fighters

KANSAS CITY.—The Australians are the best jungle fighters in the world, the Japanese are second and the Americans no good at all. That is the opinion of one Japanese taken prisoner by the Americans.

Capt. William J. Koenigsdorf wrote home from the South Pacific that the English-speaking prisoner didn't approve of the bombing and shelling that preceded American advances.

"First, the American cut down the jungle," he said. "Then he fight."

Bird Enables Soldiers To Practice First Aid

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—Six soldiers of the 255th infantry communications section here have living proof that they mastered their first aid courses in first aid. While laying wire on a field problem, the group set the broken leg of a baby mockingbird. Later, back in the area, they found the bird hopping on his padded splints.

They removed the bandages and found the leg healed perfectly.

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Great Electric Current Tamed

New Safety Valve Controls Highest Power Ever Sent Over Wires.

PITTSBURGH. — The greatest concentration of power ever sent into a piece of electrical equipment in a public test—nearly 3,000,000 kilovolt amperes—was stopped in its tracks by a newly developed mechanical "safety valve."

The mighty current, which engineers said was as great as if the total electrical output of all power stations in the Pittsburgh area had been thrown onto one transmission line and stepped up through a "fault" condition, was hurled into a new type circuit breaker which dispersed its arc harmlessly in a fraction of a second. A "fault," which may be caused by lightning or a short circuit, sends over a transmission line a short circuit current far more powerful than the normal current carried in the wire.

One hundred and fifty leading power company executives and engineers of the nation viewed the test at the Westinghouse high power alternating current laboratory in East Pittsburgh.

Huge Charge 'Drowned.'

As they watched, relays automatically detected the coming of the man-made super-current and the breaker, acting more swiftly than the surging power, spontaneously threw out switches causing its arc to be dispersed in a tank of oil. A similar current on a regular transmission line, unprotected with the highly developed circuit breaker, would have crashed through to render useless valuable electric equipment, engineers said.

The new low oil content circuit breaker also was demonstrated in tests with less severe overcharges in which it automatically "doused" the "fault" and reconnected itself to the regular line, all in a fraction of a second. Engineers declared that in regular use the equipment could perform this act so quickly that a person watching an incandescent lamp attached to the circuit would scarcely notice a flicker.

A continuing fault on the line, however, causes the circuit breaker to again interrupt itself and transmit a signal to the control board revealing the condition. It then remains open until the condition is rectified.

Two Generators Used.

Two huge generators, especially constructed, supplied the phenomenal amount of current for this test. At other conference sessions delegates to the power engineering conference heard discussions of recent advances in various branches of electrical and steam engineering and were given a glimpse into the future possibilities of the gas turbine.

The gas turbine, simplest of all engines in that it has few moving parts, is approaching the stage of practical application in a major field and has important possibilities for wider use, the engineers and power company executives were told.

"Rapid development of efficient compressors and turbines, and of materials that are suitable for service at high temperatures, has allowed outstanding advances during wartime in the gas turbine power system, which, though very old in principle, had to await these refinements," said C. B. Campbell, manager of engineering.

Wider applications of the gas turbine in the fields of transportation, in the chemical industry, and in connection with blast furnace operation were predicted for the near future.

Test near in Congress on national service act.

Some 800 ships made up convoy landing in Phillipines.

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

There's a pungent, pleasant odor about a big red brick building on Franklin street—a odor that suggests far away places, strange peoples, the tinkle of temple bells and romance. The building is the Van Loan and company spice mill. For half a century, spices have been ground there—spices that come in boxes, bales and bags from all over the world. The aroma of the spices has become a part of the walls and floors. It clings to the clothing of the workers, some of whom have been with this same mill for 25 years or more. All the workers have pink cheeks.

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Cinnamon is ground, of course, in the Van Loan mill. But the chances are that when you eat what you think is cinnamon, it is cassia bark. True cinnamon comes only from Ceylon. It is sweeter and milder than cassia. Also, it is more expensive and due to war conditions, the supply is more limited. There is an abundant supply of cassia in the West Indies. Mr. Weyer straightened me out also in regard to allspice. I thought the name meant a combination of various spices. Instead, it is the fruit of an evergreen tree that grows in Jamaica, the name coming from the fact that it tastes like a combination of nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves. It has two other names, Jamaica pepper and myrtle-West pepper. Another thing I learned while my cheeks were growing pinker and pinker and my clothing was becoming quite aromatic, is that paprika is the world's greatest source of vitamin C. It also yields vitamins K and P.

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Spices are ground exceedingly fine, so fine that by the time they are ready to be packaged, they resemble high grade flour. At the Van Loan mill, they pass through four layers of silk. The grinders have to be stopped often since the meshes of the silk, especially the last or finest, become clogged. The silk was imported from France, being especially made for spice grinding. Fortunately, when war came, the mill had sufficient supply to last years. The rough spices, after having been carefully cleaned of all impurities, are fed into chutes on a floor above the grinders and carried by gravity to the hoppers. The same mill can be used to grind various spices. A thorough cleaning, of course, is necessary before a change is made. Tried to chew a piece of ginger root and found it too hard. So I sampled some ground ginger. For hours afterward, my mouth had a strong ginger flavor.

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Spices, of course, are used mostly to add zest and flavor to foods. But they have other uses. Incense is made from cinnamon. Red pepper is a tonic. Black pepper is used in soaps and perfumes. Cardemon, a native of India, is used in eau de cologne. Turmeric, which originally came only from India but which now comes in quantities from Haiti, provides a fine yellow dye, also turmeric paper used in tests for alkaline substances. Not so long ago, Mr. Weyer found that a furrier was making heavy purchases of turmeric powder. That was so out of ordinary, an investigation was made and it was discovered that the furrier was using turmeric to turn Chinese dog skins into red furs. Fine ladies of the past sprinkled a little cinnamon on their furs. It not only took away the "doggy" odor but mingled well with any other perfume. A friend who tried it on her neck piece said it works fine.

Many spices, formerly imported, are now raised here in the United States. California stands at the head of the list with dill seed, paprika, chili pepper, mustard seed, garlic salt, onion salt, basil, celery seed, sage, marjoram, caraway and fenugreek which is used in making curry. Louisiana supplies red pepper, chili powder and cayenne; South Carolina, paprika and red pepper. Caraway comes from Canada, while from Mexico anise, paprika, chili, oregano and cumin are received. Bay leaves and sesame seed come from Brazil and cardemon, sesame seed, sage, marjoram, red pepper, bay leaves and allspice from Guatemala. Massachusetts is one of the several states that supplies sage.

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Because of improvement in Atlantic shipping conditions, the supply of spices has been increased lately by six sources, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Madagascar, Belgian Congo, Turkey and Haiti. But the spice trade continues to use reserve supplies of black pepper. Black pepper comes only from the Netherlands, Indies and the Japs have them. A recent OPA action in raising the ceiling price of whole black pepper, however, will soon mean an increased supply for the consumer.

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